

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Keisuke INOUE et al.  
Appl. No: : Not Yet Assigned  
Filed : Concurrently Herewith  
For : CARBOXYLIC COMPOUND AND MEDICINE COMPRISING THE SAME

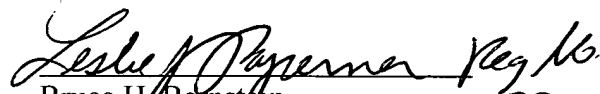
**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon  
Japanese Application No. 2003-154372, filed May 30, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
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